

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 778

By Reeves

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Oakland High School Patriots football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class 6A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland High School Patriots football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2021 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 6A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Patriots exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, Oakland High School captured the state championship with a resounding 43-26 victory over Summit High School in the BlueCross Bowl in Chattanooga at Finley Stadium on December 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Oakland High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Patriots football players of Oakland High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the Oakland High School Patriots football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class 6A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.